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RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

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Agency Name: State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board

Chapters affected:

VAC No. <i>(e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):</i>	Chapter Name <i>(e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):</i>
None specified	This would require adoption of a new chapter in the Virginia Administrative Code.

Statutory Authority: §§ 37.2-203, 37.2-400 and 37.2-840

Name of petitioner: Steven Shoon

Nature of petitioner's request: Requests that the agency adopt regulations allowing the Commissioner's power to transfer patients from one hospital to another to be delegated. Requests that patients who are unstable, regardless of their legal status, be transferred to the Forensic Unit of Central State Hospital and that transfers of non-forensic patient should be possible based on their safety, security requirements and treatment needs.

INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE

Agency's plan for disposition of the request: The Board will consider the petition and any comments received at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2006.

Comments may be submitted until November 21, 2005

AGENCY DECISION

☐ **Request Granted**

☐ **Request Denied**

Statement of reasons for decision:

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